

Weekend Weather

Today: Rain – high 81, low 73  
Saturday: Rain – high 81, low 73  
Sunday: Thunderstorms – high 79, low 73



Sorties

Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	-50	-129
35th FS	-40	-68
80th FS	-10	-61



Common Courtesies



In Korea, it is considered bad luck to leave chopsticks sticking up in your food. When you're done eating, place chopsticks across plate or off to the side.



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Construction program to improve base, quality of life for Wolf Pack members

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Forty-eight construction projects in the works here will benefit the mission and quality of life for the people living and working at Kunsan.

The 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, with help from the 554th Red Horse Squadron from Osan Air Base, the 820th Red Horse Squadron from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., and Korean contractors with the Army Corps of Engineers is working issues ranging from munitions storage to the base clinic.

The largest ongoing project, according to Capt. Anthony Figiera, 8th CES construction management chief, is the construction of 30 storage igloos for the munitions storage area. The \$9.1 million project started in December 2000 and is scheduled to be completed in December 2002.

"This project will directly support Kunsan's mission of accepting follow on forces and taking the fight north," Figiera said. "The additional igloos provide the 8th Maintenance Squadron Ammo Flight the ability to store munitions to support aircraft here and those expected to deploy here in a contingency scenario. They'll also provide them with modern storage facilities for munitions — many of the current facilities lack power and lights."

While the construction of the ammo igloos is the largest project, the most visible project is the renovation of the base movie theater.

According to Figiera, the project, which is scheduled for completion sometime next week, will provide Wolf Pack members a modern

theater with all the comforts of a typical base theater in the United States. A re-opening ceremony is tentatively scheduled for July 27.

Another large project, \$2.8 million large, is the renovation of the base clinic. The project consists of renovating the facility and adding on an additional 6,300 square feet.

Additionally, many 'less visible', yet as-important, projects are in the works as well. Heating, ventilation and air conditioning replacement upgrades are underway in 18 facilities.

A two-year upgrade in the water distribution system here will vastly improve the water quality where Wolf Pack members live and work.

The team of nine construction inspectors managing the projects takes on the challenge of renovating and rebuilding with confidence knowing an important task will be completed properly and safely.

"Construction management is no easy task, especially when you have to manage projects that began before you arrived and will not be completed until after you leave," Figiera said. "However, these nine individuals work hard to ensure timely and quality completion of facilities that will improve the quality of life and mission effectiveness at Kunsan."

New and remodeled facilities will ensure higher quality of life for present and future Wolf Pack members.

"These projects are just another example of improved work and social surroundings here at Kunsan," said Col. Burt Field, 8th Fighter Wing commander.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brian Hill

The base theater renovations, one of the 48 on-going construction projects around Kunsan, are nearly completed. A re-opening ceremony is tentatively scheduled for July 27.

Wolf Pack welcomes new wing vice commander

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The Wolf Pack welcomed its new vice commander, Col. Thomas Ardern, here yesterday from Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

This is not Ardern's first time in Korea. In 1989, Ardern was stationed in Seoul with the Headquarters, Combined Forces Command.

Ardern received his commission in the Air Force as a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at the University of Virginia. During his 23-year Air Force career, he has served as a pilot training instructor, fighter pilot, major command and joint and combined staff officer, and has commanded a fighter squadron. He is a command pilot with more than 3,400 flying hours.

Ardern is replacing Col. Dennis Rea who left Kunsan to take over as vice commander for the 56th Fighter Wing at Luke Air Force Base, Ariz.